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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of December 13, 2002, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 13, 2003, and for which a Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith, setting the period for response to April 14, 2003 (April 13 being a Sunday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows (**a marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached at the end of this Response**):